Drinking water facility for SCs/STs

3499. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plans to extend drinking water facility to all Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe habitations in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Drinking Water Mission has been going slow in making provision of protected drinking water in the rural areas;

(c) whether the response time is slow to various representations;

(d) what steps will be taken to achieve all targets set by the Drinking Water Mission;

(e) whether periodic reviews will be done; and

(f) the details of monitoring of this programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) The National Agenda for Governance of the Government envisages provisions of safe drinking water to all rural habitations in the country in five years. Accordingly, all the States/UTs were requested to prepare comprehensive action plans for attaining this avowed objective, clearly indicating the total requirement of funds. Action plans from all the State/UTs, Except Orissa, Manipur, A & N Islands and Daman & Diu, have since been received. However, the national objective of providing safe drinking water to all rural habitations in five years can be achieved, subject to availability of funds.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) The Government monitors implementation of the Rural Water Supply Programme through the periodical reports furnished by the States/UTs.

One Family-One Employment Plan for States

†3500. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minsiter of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain State Governments have adopted a norm of one employment per family;

(b) if so, the details thereof State-wise; and

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